



Docket No. EVAN-0973

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

***PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION
REQUIREMENT***

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| Applicant: | Evans | Docket No.: | EVAN-0973 |
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| TITLE: | FIRE DOOR CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD | | |

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004. Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension, the fee for which is included herewith, and reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH THIS STATEMENT IS AFFIXED IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, POSTAGE PAID, AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, P.O. Box 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON: December 6, 2004

SIGNED: Heather Clark

Heather Clark

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.